

12 September 1979

Mrs. Dorothy J. Clark
2032 North Eighth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47804

Re: ASPERGER, BARTELS, ETC.

Dear Mrs. Clark:

Thank you very much for your September 7 letter and the enclosed information on the above named.

Yes, I most certainly would like you to continue on with this research at the local level. I shall pay you immediately upon receipt of an itemized statement, including your miscellaneous expenses and mileage.

For my purposes, I'd like certified copies of records where you can get them, photocopies as an alternative, and a transcript with detailed notes as a last resort. If newspaper obituaries are available, I'd like photocopies of them. If you can arrange to have 35 mm photos taken of family homes which may still be standing, I'd like them as well.

In the event you don't have a carbon of your letter to me, I've enclosed a photocopy for your use.

Please search the following for me at the present time for any and all ASPERGER's that may be listed:

1. Birth records, marriage records, divorce records, death records for T.H and Riley(or Lockport)
2. Wills and probate records
3. Naturalization papers or immigration records for ANDREW ASPERGER, WILHILMINE G. BARTELS ASPERGER, and any other immigration records for ASPERGER's born in Prussia.
4. Court records: Civil and Criminal; also Bankruptcies
5. Land records: mortgages, deeds, etc.
6. Church records for Riley and Terre Haute for the church listed on the enclosed ~~photocopies of the~~ baptismal and confirmation records of WILHILMINE EMILIE ASPERGER, my wife's maternal grandmother.

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Please check the indexes for the Federal census of 1870-1880-1900(if available). I read that part of the 1890 Indiana census records were saved from the fire. Are Vigo's included? If you have Indiana indexes for the 1875-1885-1895-1905 decennial years, I'd like them checked as well. If films are not available there, I can order them from our local library.

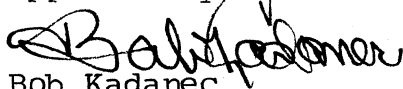
Next, I'd like to have some background information on the places where the ASPERGER's are listed in the city directories as having worked, including: Keyes & Sykes Hub & Spoke, Keyes Mfr., American Wheel Co., T.H. Carriage & Buggy, A.E. Herman Carriage & Buggy. I assume these may all be the same place over a period of two decades or more. I'd also like to know something about the Stahl-Urban company.

Is there a possibility that some records(cemetery or church) may be at Riley(Lockport) which are not in the county records available at T.H.? It occurred to me that a number of ASPERGERS may be buried at Riley.

Are there any T.H. newspapers dating back to 1875 which are available for research? Any German language newspapers for the same period? Do you know where I can get an early (c. 1900) map of T.H.?

That should do it for now. What you find and send will trigger more requests, I know. I hope you have success in filling in some of the many blanks which currently exist in my file on my wife's grandmother's immediate family.

I'll look forward to hearing from you at your earliest opportunity.


Bob Kadanec
131 S. Barstow St.
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Source: Original Baptism and Confirmation Certificates

WILHELMINE EMILIE ASPERGER

b. 14 December 1874 at Terre Haute(Vigo) IN

dau. Andreas(Andrew) Asperger and Wilhelmine G. Bartels

bpt. 23 March 1884 at Evangelist Lutheran Church of T.H.
Heinrich Katt: Pastor

cfd. 14 April 1889 at Evangelist Lutheran Immanuel Church
Heinrich Katt: Pastor

Note: If Church records are still extant, there should be
other Asperger records as well.

Wilhelmine Emilie Asperger married Paul Reinhold
Fritsche in 1892; most likely marriage took place
in this same church.

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September 28, 1979

Bob Kadanec
131 S. Barstow St.
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Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of Sept. 12 and the go-ahead for further research. It is an interesting problem.

However, I must tell you that I have no time for this commission for at least two months. My activities are limited due to plain lack of hours in one day...the demand far outweighs the possible efforts on my part.

I know how disappointing this must be, and feel free to find someone else. Otherwise, I can take the work up in December or January. Let me hear from you as to your decision.

Sincerely yours,

Robert I. Clark

02 OCTOBER 1979

MRS. CLARK —

DECEMBER OR JANUARY WILL BE
AGREEABLE WITH ME. I SHALL EXPECT
TO HEAR FROM YOU THEN.

BEST REGARDS,

Bob KADANEC

MRS. ROBERT I. CLARK
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Sept. 7, 1979

Bob Kadanec
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Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of August 16 and the enclosed check for \$20. The four hours (\$5 per hour) and field trip to the library have yielded the following:

The first Terre Haute City Directory was published in 1858. From that year through 1870 there are no Bartels or ~~Asp~~bergers listed (nor any other possible spellings).

1871 - Bartles, Wm., glassblower, res. National House
no Aspergers

1871-2 - neither

1874 - Ashberger, Geo., cooper for Hulman, res. S. 2nd St.
no Bartels

1875 - Asperger, Geo., cooper, res. 1010 S. 2nd
no Bartels]]

1876 - Aspberger, Geo., cooper, Gilman, res. S. 2nd
no Bartels

1877 - Aspgear, Andrew, wagon maker, 813 S. 2nd
no Bartels

1878-9 - Asperger, Andrew, laborer, TH&I RR, res. 715 N. 13th
Asperger, Geo, cooper, res. 1112 S. 2nd
no Bartels

1879 - neither

1880-81 - Asperger, Andrew, Keyes & Sykes Hub & Spoke, 1532 3rd Ave.
Wilhelmina(Mrs.) same address
Geo, cooper, 737 N. 4th
Louisa(Mrs.) same address
no Bartels

1881 - Ashberger, Geo., cooper, 737 N. 4
Louisa ditto
Andrew 1532 3rd Ave.
August ditto
Wilhelmina ditto
no Bartels

- 1882 - Asperger, Andrew, wheelwright for Keyes, 1532 3rd Ave.
Geo., cooper for Gilman, 628 N. 4th
Gottlieb, blacksmith for Keyes, 1532 3rd Ave.
no Bartels
- 1883 - Asperger, Andrew, spokemaker, 1532 3rd Ave.,
Geo., cooper, 737 N. 4th
no Bartels
- 1884 - Asperger, Andrew, laborer, 3rd Ave.
Geo., cooper, 737 N. 4th
Bartels, Frederick, no occupation given, 616 N. 7th
- 1885 - Asperger, Andrew, finisher Keyes Mfr., same address
Geo., cooper, same address
Bartels, Frederick, 616 N. 7th, no occupation
- 1887 - Asperger, Andrew, wagonmaker, 1318 2nd Ave.
August, blacksmith, same address
F. Albert, stripper for Weidel, cigarmaker, ditto
Geo, cooper, 727 N. 4th
Lizzie(Miss), domestic, 43 S. 13¹/₂
Bartels, Frederick, 810 Wabash Ave.
- 1888 - Asperger, Albert, machine hand, 1318 2nd Ave.
Andrew, wheel finisher, same address
August, blacksmith, same address
Geo., cooper, 737 N. 4th
Henry, wheelright, 1318 2nd Ave.
Lizzie(widow of Geo.) 737 N. 4th
Bartels, Frederick, no occup, 810 Wabash Ave.
- 1889 - Asperger, Albert, helper Keyes, 1315 5th Ave.
August, Blacksmith, ditto
Geo., cooper for Gilman, 737 N. 4th
Henry, no occup., 1315 5th Ave.
Elizabeth(Miss), 1125 S. 3rd
Bartels, Frederick, laborer, L. Emminger Locksmith,
he lived over factory at 810 Wabash.
- 1890-91 - Asperger, Albert, helper American Wheel Co., 1315 5th Ave.
Andrew, wheel finisher, ditto
Henry, ditto
Emma M.(Miss) ditto
Lizzie(Miss) domestic, 1125 S. 3rd
Bartels, Frederick, 810 Wabash Ave.(now downtown)
- 1892 - Asperger, Albert H., blacksmith American Wheel, 1026 N.9th
Andrew, blacksmith helper, T.H.Carriage & Buggy,
same address
Emma M., machine operator Stahl-Urban(made
men's work clothes on sewing machine)
same address
Louisa, same occupation and address
Geo., cooper Gilman, 1026 N. 9th
Lizzie, clerk H. Stuckwish, 1026 N.9th
Bartels, Frederick, resides over 810 Wabash Ave.

1894 - Asperger, Albert, finisher A.E.Herman Carriage & Coach Mfr.,
1026 N. 9th
Andrew H., wheel finisher, ditto
Geo., cooper Gilman, bds 1039 N.9th
Miss Louisa, machine operator STahl Urban,
1026 N. 9th

no Bartels

1896-97 - Asperger, Andrew, laborer, res 1415 Chase St.
August H., blacksmith, TH Carriage, ditto
Geo., butcher, res 1039 N. 9th
Henry, laborer Vandalia RR Shops, 1415 Chase
Mrs. Louisa, 700 $\frac{1}{4}$ Lafayette Ave.
Miss Louisa, same address

no Bartels

1898 - Asperger, Albert, 722 N. 14 $\frac{1}{4}$, no occupation
Geo., cooper, bds 1039 N. 9th
Miss Lizzie, clerk, millinery shop, 121 S.13th
Miss Louisa, 722 N. 14 $\frac{1}{4}$
Mrs. Wilhelmina, same address

no Bartels

1900 - Asperger, Geo.(only one listed) cooper, Wabash Cooperage Co.,
lived 1047 N. 9th

no Bartels

Bradsby's HISTORY OF VIGO COUNTY(publ.1891) page 797: biog.
sketch of David Holston b.1816; m.2nd 1877, Mary C. Carey b.1829,
widow of Joseph Graham by whom she had 6 children...youngest
Cora B. Graham, was wife of F. H. Asperber in 1891.

Oakey's Greater Terre Haute & Vigo County, Vol.II, page 621:

biog sketch of Jerome W. Perry b. 1867; m. Elizabeth Asperger
b. Riley, Vigo Co., 28 Jan., 1868, to Godfrey and Katherine
Asperger, both natives of Germany. (Note: small town about
15 Miles southeast of Terre Haute)

Oakey, Vol.II, page 894:

biog sketch Geo. J. Nattkemper b. 1872, son of Louis b.
11 June, 1826 in Prussia, to America in 1852, located first
Detroit, 1856 to St.Louis, 1858 to Lockport(now Riley,Ind.)
His wife (nee Elizabeth Asperger) was also native of Germany.
She d. 1894; husband 1904.

Cronin's History of Vigo County(Vol.III of Esarey's History of Indiana, page 320:

biog sketch Geo. J. Nattkemper(and photo) b. 1872, son of Louis and Elizabeth Asperger. She was listed as native of Germany who d. 1894.

(Note: engraving of Nattkemper Tannery and residence at Riley is in the 1874 Vigo County Atlas.)

Beckwith's History of Vigo & Parke Counties(publ.1880) page 422:

biog sketch Louis Nattkemper of Riley Mills, Riley, born Prussia 11 June, 1826; m. 2nd Elizabeth Asperger (both natives of Prussia)...chil: Caroline, Emma, William, Lenia, Otto and Rudolph.

Woodlawn Cemetery, city's oldest cemetery, has no burials of Asperger or Bartels on record.

Vigo County Cemetery Records reveals neither name in tombstone inscriptions.

I have indexed all five Vigo County histories, and found no Bartels in any of them.

I have compiled five volumes of family Bible records of the area...searched the indexes and found no Bartels or Asperbgrs.

If you wish to pursue local sources, I could suggest courthouse records, marriage, wills, estate settlements, etc. Let me hear from you if my services are still desired.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy J. Clark

P.S. — Excuse typing — I normally use an IBM typewriter at the newspaper office (I'm Vorman's Editor, historical columnist and genealogy query columnist). My typewriter at home doesn't seem to spell as well.

WJC

August 16, 1979

MY FILES -
ASPERGER
✓ 63-79
✓ 73-80

Mrs. Robert I. Clark
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Dear Mrs. Clark:

You were referred to me by the Vigo County Historical Society in reply to my inquiry for the name of a professional who might be willing to perform some research for me.

Briefly, I am searching my wife's maternal line and the surnames ASPERGER and BARTELS. I have very little to go on at this point but I am enclosing a family chart and whatever additional information found in scattered family records.

I'm assuming at this point that the families arrived in Terre Haute post-Civil War. My wife's grandmother, Wilhilmine Asperger Fritsche, moved to Peoria, Illinois, in 1894-1896, and my interest in the family's background centers primarily on the period 1860-1900. Of course, if there are family members traceable at this point in time who may still be living, I'd be glad to learn of their whereabouts.

You may keep the photocopies for your file. If agreeable with you, I'll pay on receipt of an itemized statement for time and expenses. I'd like certified copies, photostatic copies as an alternative, and abstracts where information is too bulky or nonavailable for photo.

If you have access to a camera, I'd also like pictures of gravestones and any buildings which play a part in the family history.

If you can undertake the project, please indicate how soon you might be able to begin. Although I'm not on a strict timetable, I have some hope of beginning my writing after the first of the new year. The maternal line is the last of those needed to complete the history.

A \$20 retainer and SASE enclosed. I hope to hear from you soon.

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(Bartels)
Baker - no
Bradley - no
Cronin - no
Beckwith - no

(Asperger)
797 - Bradley ✓
✓ 12-621894 - Baker ✓
320 - Cronin ✓
422 - Beckwith ✓

SORRY - ORIGINAL OF THIS LETTER WAS DAMAGED.

Woodlawn Cem - no Asperger
no Bartels

Vigo Co. Cen. Record = neither

Fam. Bible Records
V1 - no
V2 - no
V3 - Bartel, 117;
V4 - no
V5 - no

CLIFTON LEWIS EGBERT

born	20 OCT 1904
at	WEST JERSEY (STARK) IL
died	12 DEC 1971
at	EAU CLAIRE (EC) WI
married	01 OCT 1932
at	PEORIA (PEORIA) IL

PAULA EGBERT KADANEK

b. 07 NOV. 1934

m. ROBERT M. KADANEK

MARY ELLEN FRITSCH

born	10 MAR 1907 PEORIA, IL
at	(PEORIA)
died	
at	

PEDIGREE CHART

RALPH EGBERT	
born	08 JUN 1878
at	W JERSEY (STARK) IL
died	23 JUN 1966
at	EAU CLAIRE (EC) WI
married	18 NOV 1903
at	ELMWOOD (PEORIA) IL

SARAH MARGARET HIGGINS	
born	29 MAR 1880
at	YATES CITY (KNOX) IL
died	1968
at	EAU CLAIRE (EC) WI

PAUL REINHOLD FRITSCH

born	28 DEC 1872
at	LAFAYETTE (TIPPECANOE) IN
died	13 APRIL 1943
at	PEORIA (PEORIA) IL
married	09 JAN 1894
at	TERRE HAUTE (VIGO) IN

WILHILMINE EMILY ASPERGER

born	14 DEC 1874
at	TERRE HAUTE (VIGO) IN
died	13 DEC 1968
at	EAU CLAIRE (EC) WI

LEWIS CASS EGBERT	
born	25 MAY 1846
at	MT. BETHEL (WARREN) NJ
died	15 OCT 1915
at	TOULON (STARK) IL
married	31 DEC 1868
at	PEORIA (PEORIA) IL
FRANCES MARGARET BRYAN	
born	1850
at	(WARREN) NJ
died	26 AUG. 1896

SAMUEL THOMPSON HIGGINS	
born	16 SEPT. 1845
at	CLEARSPRING (WASH.CO.) MD
died	14 JULY 1898
at	YATES CITY (KNOX) IL
married	16 FEB 1868
at	LEWISTOWN (FULTON) IL
SASAN A. HUGHES	
born	04 APRIL 1846
at	CLEARSPRING (WASH.) MD
died	16 MAR 1909

REINHOLD FRITSCH(E)	
born	1848
at	HESSE-DARMSTADT, GER.
died	
at	
married	1870-1 (?)
at	
SELMA COATS	
born	
at	
died	

ANDREAS ASPERGER	
born	
at	PRUSSIA (?), GER.
died	
at	
married	
at	
WILHILMINE G. BARTELS	
born	
at	
died	

DIES IST MEIN LIEBER SOHN, AN WELCHEM
ICH WIRDGEFALLEN HABE.



ehet hin und lehret alle Völker
u. taufet sie im Namen des Vaters
u. des Sohnes u. des Heiligen Geistes
und lehret sie halten Alles was Ich
euch befohlen habe. Matth. 28, 19, 20.

Wer da glaubet und getauft wird, der wird selig werden;
wer aber nicht glaubet, der wird verdammt werden. MARC. 16, 16

Wilhelmine Emilie
Tochter des Herrn Andreas Asperger und
seiner Ehefrau Wilhelmine z. Barkels.
geboren den 14^{ten} Dec. 1874 in Terre Haute
Indiana ist am 23^{ten} März 1884
in der evangelisch lutherischen Kirche zu
Terre Haute im Namen des

Dreieinigem **G**ottes
getauft worden.

Taufzeugen waren:
Eltern

welches hierdurch
bescheiniget wird.
H. Katt
Ev. luth. Pfarrer.

5 MOSE 18, 15.



1 MOSE III 1-IV

Lasset die Kindlein zu mir
kommen, und wehret ihnen
nicht, denn solcher ist das
Reich Gottes. Ev. Luc. 18, 16.



Wahrlich Ich sage euch
wer nicht das Reich Gottes
empfanget als ein Kindlein,
der wird nicht hinein kommen.

LUC. 9, 47-50



EV. JOH III-XIV

Erinnerung an den Tag der Confirmation.



ROM 3, 28.
SO HALTEN WIR ES NUN DASS
DER MENSCH GERECHT WERDE
OHNE DES GESETZES WERKE
ALLEIN DURCH DEN Glauben.

HESEK 16, 60.
ICH WILL ABER GEDENKEN
AN MEINEN BUND, DEN ICH
MIT DIR GEMACHT HABE
ZUR ZEIT DEINER JUGEND

Das ist Mein Leib.

Das ist Mein Blut.

Emma Wilhelmine Asperger
geboren den 14^{ten} Decem. 1874 confirmirt
den 14^{ten} April 1889 in der anglicanisch
lutherischen Emmauskirche in St. Louis

Denkspruch.



Wenn ich nur Dich habe, so frage ich nichts nach
Himmel und Erde. Wenn mir gleich Leib und
Seele verschmachtet, so bist Du doch, Gott, allezeit
meines Herzens Trost und mein Theil. Ps. 73, 25, 26.

Lass mich Dein sein und bleiben, Du treuer Gott und Herr!
Von Dir lass mich nichts treiben, halt mich bei reiner Lehr!
Herr! lass mich nur nicht wanken, gib mir Beständigkeit;
Dafür will ich Dir danken in alle Ewigkeit.

Heinrich Ratt
Pastor

